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Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Marie L. Rolling. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Opinion and Order Opinion and Opinion and

HAROLD AND MARY FRARER dba F&F WATER COMPANY (EXTENSION OF TIME DEADLINE CONTAINED IN DECISION NO. 69257)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge by filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by <u>4:00</u> p.m. on or before:

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The enclosed is <u>NOT</u> an order of the Commission, but a recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to the Commissioners. Consideration of this matter has <u>tentatively</u> been scheduled for the Commission's Open Meeting to be held on:

MAY 22, 2012 and MAY 23, 2012

For more information, you may contact Docket Control at (602)542-3477 or the Hearing Division at (602)542-4250. For information about the Open Meeting, contact the Executive Director's Office at (602) 542-3931.

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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 2 **COMMISSIONERS** 3 GARY PIERCE - Chairman **BOB STUMP** SANDRA D. KENNEDY PAUL NEWMAN **BRENDA BURNS** 6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. W-01898A-06-0326 7 HAROLD AND MARY FRARER DBA F&F DOCKET NO. W-20460A-06-0326 WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO SELL ASSETS AND TRANSFER ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ST. DECISION NO. 9 DAVID SPRINGS, LLC. ORDER EXTENDING TIME 10 DEADLINE CONTAINED IN DECISION NO. 69257 11 Open Meeting 12 May 22 and 23, 2012 Phoenix, Arizona 13 14 BY THE COMMISSION: 15

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On January 19, 2007, the Commission issued Decision No. 69257, which approved the sale of assets and transfer of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") from Harold and Mary Frarer dba F&F Water Company to Enclave Saint David, LLC ("Enclave").
- 2. Enclave was formed to hold and develop real estate, and assigned its interest in the water company assets to St. David Springs LLC ("St. David Springs" or "Company"). Enclave is the sole member of St. David Springs. At the time of the sale of assets, Enclave did not have specific plans for developing its holdings, and estimated that development was at least three years away. As part of Decision No. 69257, the Commission ordered St. David Springs to "file a rate application no later than six months following the fifth anniversary" of the effective date of Decision No. 69257.
 - 3. On February 28, 2012, St. David Springs docketed a request for an extension of time

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of five years, until July 19, 2017, to file its rate case. The Company reported that currently it only has three customers (two fewer than it had in 2006 at the time of the transfer) and believed that "any effort to prepare the information that is a prerequisite for a rate application would be financially selfdefeating..."

- 4. On April 24, 2012, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Memorandum in response to the Company's request for an extension. Staff concurs that the customer count is too few to result in a meaningful rate analysis, and recommends that the July 19, 2012, deadline be extended until July 19, 2017.
- The development of Enclave's property that was contemplated in 2006 has not yet 5. occurred. The requirement to file a rate case within five years of expected development is standard Commission practice and is intended to ensure that rates remain just and reasonable. However, to require a rate case while the Company has only three customers would not be a meaningful endeavor. Under the circumstances, the Company's request for an extension of the deadline to file a rate case is reasonable. Consequently, we concur with Staff's recommendation that the requirement to file a rate case as set forth in Decision No. 69257 be extended five years, until July 19, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- St. David Springs is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of 1. the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.
- The Commission has jurisdiction over St. David Springs and the subject matter of the 2. request.
- 3. An extension of time to comply with the requirements of Decision No. 69257, as discussed herein, is fair and reasonable and in the public interest.

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1	<u>ORDER</u>		
2	IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for St. David Springs, LLC to file a rate		
3	case, as required by Decision No. 69257, is extended until July 19, 2017.		
4	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.		
5	BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.		
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8	CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER		
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12	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON,		
13	Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the		
14	Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this day of, 2012.		
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